

Lakeview SSA 27

Streetscape Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017, 8:00 AM

Lakeview Chamber of Commerce, 1409 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613

Present: Terese McDonald, Luis Monje, Nabil Zahrah

Absent: Melissa Salvatore

Staff: Dillon Goodson

Guests: None

Terese McDonald called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Nabil Zahrah motioned to approve the Streetscape Committee meeting minutes from September 28, 2017, seconded by Luis Monje; motion carries.

Streetscape Enhancements

- **Sidewalk Seating Areas:** Dillon Goodson updated Committee members that the Park District is reviewing revised sidewalk seating area concepts for Sheil Park, but had yet to provide feedback. He also presented artist George Berlin's latest drawings for the proposed Sheil Park window mural, incorporating the Committee's comments that they'd like to see the artwork incorporate design elements that are bold and cohesive across all of the windows. Committee members liked the revised drawings as-is and asked to have them shared with Sheil Park for their feedback and approval. Dillon also said that he was in the process of getting a rough estimate on what the artwork would cost to install on the windows, and that he would share figures at a future meeting. Finally, Dillon shared that Blaine Elementary School's administration had invited the SSA to present on its second proposed sidewalk seating area at two upcoming meetings with their advisory councils.
- **People Spots:** Dillon Goodson shared that both People Spots would be removed in the next couple weeks in preparation for winter. The Lakeview Chamber's fall urban planning intern, Renee Wah, is completing an assessment of the People Spots that will be shared at a future meeting. Committee members discussed the costs of installing and maintaining the People Spots each year and suggested that a permanent alternative, such as floating concrete sidewalk bumpouts, should be considered as a replacement for People Spots.
- **Public Art:** Dillon Goodson reported that installation of Anthony Lewellen's "Lake View" mural at the intersection of Lincoln/Ashland/Belmont is wrapping up, while artist Sentrock is completing his "Southport Style" murals on the first Low-Line Mural Walls, to be unveiled this evening during a special Year of Public Art celebration at the Southport Plaza. Terese McDonald shared examples of plaques recognizing the SSA and artist that will be displayed alongside the "Lake View" mural. Committee members discussed the role the Streetscape Committee will play with executing future public art opportunities along the Low-Line. Dillon suggested that a new curatorial committee, consisting of SSA and non-SSA representatives who are leaders in the local arts community, could take responsibility for identifying local artists to complete future public artwork within the SSA's service area. Committee members supported this idea and discussed ways to ensure that artists outside Lakeview are considered.

Streetscape Maintenance

- Tree Planting & Maintenance: Dillon Goodson shared the SSA's fall tree survey of possible locations for new trees to be planted and asked for the Committee's direction on which sites should be prioritized given the remaining tree planting budget of approx. \$15,000. Committee members requested that the replacement of existing dead trees should be prioritized over planting trees in places where they currently do not exist, and also that the focus area should be Ashland and then Lincoln avenues. Nabil Zahrah said that the Commission should consider allocating an additional \$10,000 in unspent funds at the end of 2017 towards tree pruning and asked for staff to get a couple competitive quotes from qualified vendors for comparison.

New Business

- November Streetscape Committee Meeting: Due to the holidays, Dillon Goodson suggested combining the November and December Streetscape Committee meetings into one meeting held in early December, during which the Committee could also review proposals for 2018-19 landscaping and select a vendor. Committee members agreed on Thursday, December 7 from 8-9:30 AM and also discussed the draft landscaping RFP, but did not have any changes to the scope of work.

Luis Monje motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nabil Zahrah; meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.